

**Minutes of Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee (NHC) Meeting  
June 21, 2018 – Room 235**

Committee Members: Christine Putnam (Vice Chair), Michael Rodemeyer, Mary Tillman, Lonnie Murray

Absent: Nancy Weiss (Chair), Dorothy Tompkins, Emily Luebke, Peggy Cornett, Kennon Williams

Other Attendees: Dan Mahon, Andrew Gast-Bray, Thomas Baker, Ruth Douglas, David Hannah

Christine called the meeting to order at 5:35. Everyone introduced themselves. There was not a quorum, so no decisions were made and no actions were taken.

Dan Mahon, Albemarle County Parks & Recreation Dept., summarized the first public meeting about developing Biscuit Run Park, which was held on 6/19. Several committee members attended the public meeting. Much discussion ensued. David showed maps of the natural heritage resources identified in the 2011 Preliminary Natural Heritage Inventory report from VA DCR-Natural Heritage Division.

Andrew Gast-Bray, Director of Planning for Albemarle County, talked about the county's Comprehensive Plan. A good discussion followed and Andrew answered several questions related to the county's role in the land use planning process.

David made a presentation about the Biodiversity Action Plan to the Planning Commission on 6/19. Everything is in place for meeting about BAP with the Board of Supervisors on 7/5. David will request their approval for working with the Planning Commission on an amendment to the Comp Plan.

Ruth gave a brief update on invasive species, with special attention on the recently discovery of giant hogweed in Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July19. Ches Goodall, ACE Program Coordinator for Albemarle, plans to attend.